

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Alvin C. Powers *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/776,669

Filed: February 11, 2004

For: METHODS FOR IMPROVING
PANCREATIC ISLET CELL
TRANSPLANTATION

Group Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: A. Singh

Atty. Dkt. No.: VBLT:033US

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

MS AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 20, 2005, to which a response is due on April 20, 2006, by virtue of the enclosed petition for extension of time, and payment of fees. No other fees are believed due in connection with this filing; however, should any fees be due, applicants authorize the Commissioner to debit Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Acct. No. 50-1212/VBLT:033US/SLH.

Amendments begin on page 2 of this response; **Remarks** begin on page 6.